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Johnson

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 35, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING
SECTION 35-144.01; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS; RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 35, chapter 1, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 35-144.01, to read:

4 35-144.01. Debt reduction fund

5 THE DEBT REDUCTION FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE
6 APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION
7 35-144. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL APPROPRIATE MONIES IN THE DEBT REDUCTION FUND
8 TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE OUTSTANDING LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND REVENUE
9 BOND ISSUANCES. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST AND DIVEST MONIES IN THE
10 FUND, AND MONIES EARNED FROM INVESTMENT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.
11 MONIES IN THE FUND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING
12 TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS.

13 Sec. 2. Appropriations; school facilities board lease-purchase
14 payments; exemption

15 A. The sum of \$200,000,000 is appropriated from the budget
16 stabilization fund established by section 35-144, Arizona Revised Statutes,
17 in fiscal year 2006-2007, to the debt reduction fund established by section
18 35-144.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

19 B. The sum of \$200,000,000 is appropriated from the debt reduction
20 fund established by section 35-144.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by
21 this act in fiscal year 2006-2007 to the school facilities board for
22 retirement of lease-purchase agreements.

23 C. Prior to expenditure of any monies pursuant to subsection B of this
24 section and on or before August 1, 2007, the school facilities board shall
25 submit a lease-purchase agreement retirement plan, including savings in the
26 debt service payments, to the joint legislative budget committee for its
27 review.

28 D. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
29 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to
30 lapsing of appropriations until June 30, 2008.

31 Sec. 3. School facilities board; transfer; appropriation

32 A. Any debt service payment savings determined by the joint
33 legislative budget committee pursuant to section 2 of this act shall be
34 transferred from the state general fund amount appropriated to the school
35 facilities board in the general appropriations act to the debt reduction fund
36 established by section 35-144.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this
37 act.

38 B. The amount transferred to the debt reduction fund pursuant to
39 subsection A of this section is appropriated to the school facilities board
40 from the debt reduction fund for additional retirement of lease-purchase
41 agreements.

42 C. Prior to expenditure of any monies pursuant to subsection B of this
43 section and on or before December 1, 2007, the school facilities board shall
44 submit a lease-purchase agreement retirement plan, including savings in the

1 debt service payments, to the joint legislative budget committee for its
2 review.

3 D. The appropriation made in subsection B of this section is exempt
4 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to
5 lapsing of appropriations until June 30, 2008.

6 Sec. 4. Emergency

7 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
8 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
9 law.